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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MOBUTU'S CALL FOR A "MARSHALL PLAN"

1. TOMORROW FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET AND CHEF DE CABINE CAHEN GO TO KINSHASA FOR FOUR DAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PERIODIC BELGIAN-ZAIRIAN BILATERAL MEETING. THE BELGIAN WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH MOBUTU HIS CALL FOR A "MARSHALL PLAN."

2. TODAY CAHEN TOLD DCM RENNER THAT THE BELGIANS HAD HAD PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE U.S., GERMANY, AND FRANCE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MULTILATERAL AID FOR ZAIRE. CAHEN SAYS THAT THE REACTIONS WERE GENERALLY POSITIVE.

A. SIMONET HAS THE IMPRESSION FROM HIS TALK WITH THE SECRETARY IN PARIS THAT THE U.S. WOULD EXAMINE POSITIVELY THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN A MULTILATERAL AID EFFORT FOR ZAIRE PROVIDED IT WAS LINKED TO ZAIRIAN PERFORMANCE UNDER THE IMF STABILIZATION PLAN.

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B. CAHEN SAYS THE GERMAN RESPONSE WAS CAUTIOUS BUT POSITIVE. THE GERMANS PLAN NO ADDITIONAL BILATERAL AID BECAUSE THEY THINK IT HAS BEEN SQUANDERED IN THE PAST. BUT THEY WOULD CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN A MULTILATERAL EFFORT CLOSELY TIED TO ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE.

C. ACCORDING TO CAHEN, THE FRENCH ARE IN DISARRAY. THE

BELGIANS GOT DIFFERENT SIGNALS FROM THE ELYSEE AND THE QUAI. HOWEVER, CAHEN THINKS THE FRENCH WOULD NOT WANT TO BE LAST MAN OUT IF A MULTILATERAL EFFORT WERE ORGANIZED.

3. RENNER ASKED WHETHER THE BELGIANS HAD CONSIDERED USING THE IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP AS THE MAIN INSTRUMENTALITY FOR MULTILATERAL AID. CAHEN THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA. RENNER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT ALLOWING MOBUTU TO ESCAPE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DISCIPLINE.

4. CAHEN SAYS THAT SIMONET WANTS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO MOBUTU'S REQUEST BUT AT THE SAME TIME IS FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED TO DO SO IN THE CONTEXT OF A MULTILATERAL EFFORT THAT WILL EMPHASIZE THE NECESSITY OF MOBUTU FOLLOWING SENSIBLE INTERNAL ECONOMIC POLICIES.

5. CAHEN WILL TRY TO CONTACT AMBASSADOR CUTLER IN KINSHASA. CHAMBERS

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